

Warm-up:
April 12/13 (Thurs./Fri)

Style Practice: Imitating Sentence Patterns #1

1. **MODEL SENTENCE:** As most of these old Custom House officers had good traits and as my position in reference to them, being paternal and protective, was favorable to the growth of friendly sentiments, I soon grew to like them all.

—Nathaniel Hawthorne, *Scarlet Letter*

coordinate
Conjunction

subordinate
Conjunction

subordinate
clauses

SAMPLE IMITATION: When he offered me the gift and when his classmates, perceiving his embarrassment, discreetly withheld their applause, I gratefully accepted his gesture of friendship.

YOUR IMITATION:

independent
clauses

at end of sentence, ∴ is PERIODIC SENTENCE

2. **MODEL SENTENCE:** I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.

—Henry David Thoreau, *Walden*

Rewrite the sentence:

SAMPLE IMITATION: I greeted him politely, although I planned to challenge him repeatedly, to assess his erudition, to test whether he could discriminate what was expedient in each situation, and, after I had probed him thoroughly, to announce that we had no place for him in our organization.

Explain what the sentence imitates (you can also mark on the sentence itself):

lessons learned:

• subordinate phrases + clauses

• subordinate + coordinate
conjunctions

• sentences:
loose / periodic

comp. / complex / simple / comp-complex

• learn terms! style, schemes

YOUR IMITATION:

• main
idea vs
subordinated
ideas

*H.W.
practice
on back